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sions of the true deltas, and, therefore, what appears to be a submarine prolongation of the margin of a continent may, in many cases, be merely a sedimentary deposit washed down from the interior.

— Dr. Alfredo Dugés writes from Guanajuato, Mexico, that on the 5th of February there fell at that place eight inches of snow. It made a fine appearance, covering the trees full of leaves, and stupefied the inhabitants, most of whom had never seen such a phenomenon. The thermometer fell to 4° and 5° C.

— Jan. 17, died in Strassburg, Professor E. Oscar Schmidt, who was distinguished for his researches on turbellarian worms and sponges, as well as several valuable general works.

— W. T. Thiselton Dyer has succeeded Sir Joseph Hooker as director of Kew gardens.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Mr. Romyn Hitchcock, Demonstration of the resolving power of a new 1-16 inch objective; Dr. D. E. Salmon and Dr. Th. Smith, On a new method of producing immunity from contagious diseases; Dr. C. V. Riley, A carnivorous butterfly larva; Mr. Lester F. Ward, The plane tree and its ancestors; Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Contributions to North American mammalogy. II. Description of a new species of Aplodontia; Dr. George Vasey, New and recent species of North American grasses.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—I. A new electric winding apparatus for clocks (illustrated); II. On the need of a normal time-system for observatories, Professor John K. Rees.

March 1.—Mrs. Alice D. Le Plongeon read an address on Yucatan, its ancient temples and palaces. The paper was illustrated with numerous lantern photographs, taken by Dr. and Madame Le Plongeon, during twelve years of study and exploration among the remarkable monuments and scenery of Yucatan.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, Feb. 17.—Dr. W. G. Farlow spoke of the collection of lichens recently presented to the society by Charles J. Sprague, Esq.; and Mr. S. H. Scudder discussed the best methods for arranging and classifying the libraries of natural history institutions.

March 3.—Dr. Thomas Dwight read a paper on the significance of the internal structure of bone, illustrated by the stereopticon.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB, Feb. 10.—An ascent of the Matterhorn, by Melancthon M. Hurd; The Carter-Moriah path and camp, by W. G. Nowell; An exploration of the Pilot range, by W. H. Peck.

Feb. 17.—Major Jed. Hotchkiss addressed the club on Mount Rogers, the highest point of the Appalachians in Virginia.